

Trial Court Funding - Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

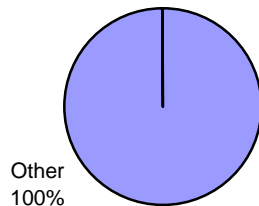
On January 1, 1998, AB233, the Lockyer – Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 went into effect in the State of California. This bill fundamentally changed how the trial courts are funded by transferring primary responsibility for funding the courts to the state, including sole responsibility for funding future growth in court operations costs. In addition, it requires counties to make a capped maintenance of effort (MOE) payment to the state each year for operations of the courts. The MOE contribution is made up of two components: reported 1994-95 county expenses for court operations, plus fine and forfeiture revenue sent to the state in 1994-95. Under the bill, county MOE amounts were established in 1997-98 with certain reductions and adjustments subsequently authorized by the State. The current annual MOE contribution for the expenditure component is \$20,227,102; the revenue component is \$8,163,193. In return, the state allowed the counties to retain many of those same fines and forfeitures to help fund their MOE payments with the provision that collections that exceed the amount of the revenue MOE be shared equally between the state and the county.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

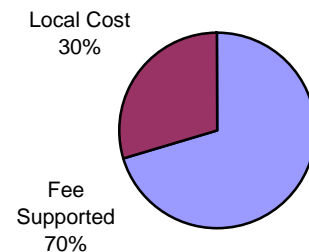
BUDGET AND WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Estimate 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
Total Requirements	33,759,418	34,090,295	35,633,214	35,725,112
Departmental Revenue	26,850,202	23,721,081	26,080,040	25,098,622
Local Cost	6,909,216	10,369,214	9,553,174	10,626,490

2004-05 BREAKDOWN BY EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY



2004-05 BREAKDOWN BY FINANCING SOURCE



GROUP: Law & Justice
 DEPARTMENT: Trial Court Funding-Maintenance of Effort
 FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAA TRC
 FUNCTION: Public Protection
 ACTIVITY: Judicial

ANALYSIS OF 2004-05 BUDGET

	A	B	C	D	E	B+C+D+E F	G	F+G H
	2003-04 Year-End Estimates	2003-04 Final Budget	Cost to Maintain Current Program Services (Schedule A)	Board Approved Adjustments (Schedule A)	Impacts Due to State Budget Cuts (Schedule B)	Board Approved Base Budget	Department Recommended Funded Adjustments (Schedule C)	2004-05 Proposed Budget
Appropriation								
Other Charges	34,433,214	32,890,295	-	-	1,134,812	34,025,107	500,005	34,525,112
Total Appropriation	34,433,214	32,890,295	-	-	1,134,812	34,025,107	500,005	34,525,112
Oper Trans Out	1,200,000	1,200,000	(177,536)	-	-	1,022,464	177,536	1,200,000
Total Requirements	35,633,214	34,090,295	(177,536)	-	1,134,812	35,047,571	677,541	35,725,112
Departmental Revenue								
Fines and Forfeitures	7,076,914	7,217,600	-	-	-	7,217,600	62,400	7,280,000
Current Services	19,003,126	16,503,481	-	700,000	-	17,203,481	615,141	17,818,622
Total Revenue	26,080,040	23,721,081	-	700,000	-	24,421,081	677,541	25,098,622
Local Cost	9,553,174	10,369,214	(177,536)	(700,000)	1,134,812	10,626,490	-	10,626,490

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SCHEDULE A

MAJOR CHANGES TO THE BUDGET

	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
2003-04 FINAL BUDGET	-	34,090,295	23,721,081	10,369,214
Cost to Maintain Current Program Services				
Salaries and Benefits Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Fund Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Prop 172	-	-	-	-
Other Required Adjustments	-	(177,536)	-	(177,536)
Subtotal	-	(177,536)	-	(177,536)
Board Approved Adjustments During 2003-04				
30% Spend Down Plan	-	-	700,000	(700,000)
Mid-Year Board Items	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	700,000	(700,000)
Impacts Due to State Budget Cuts	-	1,134,812	-	1,134,812
TOTAL BASE BUDGET	-	35,047,571	24,421,081	10,626,490
Department Recommended Funded Adjustments	-	677,541	677,541	-
TOTAL 2004-05 PROPOSED BUDGET	-	35,725,112	25,098,622	10,626,490



SCHEDULE B

DEPARTMENT: Trial Court Funding-Maintenance of Effort
 FUND: General
 BUDGET UNIT: AAA TRC

IMPACTS DUE TO STATE BUDGET CUTS

Brief Description of State Budget Cuts	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
New mandated payment to the state	-	1,134,812	-	1,134,812
During 2003, Assembly Bill 1759 mandated that all counties contribute payments to the state totalling \$31 million in 2003-04 and 2004-05. This mandate was in lieu of the state taking the counties' various undesignated revenues, at a much higher amount. The state plans to revisit this issue and may take the undesignated revenues in 2005-06.				
Total	-	1,134,812	-	1,134,812

SCHEDULE C

DEPARTMENT: Trial Court Funding-Maintenance of Effort
 FUND: General
 BUDGET UNIT: AAA TRC

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED FUNDED ADJUSTMENTS

Brief Description of Program Adjustment	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
1. Increase in payment to the state for increased fine collections.	-	500,005	500,005	-
Each year the county has experienced increased collections of various fines and fees. Based on trial court funding statutes, any increased collections that exceed the revenue component of the MOE must be shared equally between the state and the county. This increase in appropriation is recommended to allow payment to the state for the anticipated excess level of collections during 2004-05. Should the increase in revenues not materialize, the increase in the payment to the state would not be required.				
2. Increase in operating transfer to special revenue fund.	-	177,536	177,536	-
25% of the county's share of the increased collections of fines and fees is transferred to a special revenue fund to help finance the seismic retrofit of the Central Courthouse and T-wing.				
Total	-	677,541	677,541	-

